

COUNTY OF YORK

MEMORANDUM

DATE: January 4, 2002 (BOS Mtg. 1/15/02)

TO: York County Board of Supervisors

FROM: James O. McReynolds, County Administrator

SUBJECT: Stormwater Advisory Committee

The Drainage Committee successfully completed its primary task of assessing the County's drainage problems by studying the current stormwater capital improvement program, researching the drainage problems in each district, developing a project plan, and advising you and staff of what needed to be done and in what priority. They culminated their work this past summer by presenting you a new project plan and funding mechanism that should have all projects on that list executed in the next five years. You approved this plan at the June 26, 2001 work session. The Drainage Committee was very effective in identifying and prioritizing the major drainage problems in the County. However, after the members achieved the goal of identifying the major drainage problems, the committee was dissolved.

Due to the success of this committee, and a continuing need to have citizen input regarding drainage problems and the implementation of new federal storm drainage regulations, members of the Board and staff have requested that a new advisory committee be formed with added goals and objectives. At a work session on December 11, 2001, the staff presented you with a proposed charter and recommendation on how this Committee would operate, when the committee would meet and what members would comprise the new advisory committee.

The formation of a Stormwater Advisory Committee could continue to advise the Board on drainage problems as did the very successful Drainage Committee and in addition perform new responsibilities such as providing staff assistance in meeting new Federal and state stormwater permitting requirements.

As you are aware, on the horizon are the new stormwater National / Virginia Pollution Discharge Elimination System Phase II MS4 (Municipal Separate Stormwater Sewer System) rules. These rules have been issued by the Environmental Protection Agency and are currently being developed further by the Commonwealth. All municipalities under 100,000 population will be required to obtain permits by March 2003. York County as a member of this group will be required to develop and implement a stormwater management program (SMP) within 5 years subsequent to issuance of the permit. The SMP has 6 major elements or control measures that must be adhered to as part of the permit requirements:

1. Public education and outreach on storm water impacts.
2. Public involvement / participation.
3. Illicit discharge detection and elimination.
4. Construction site storm water runoff control.
5. Post-construction storm water management in new development and redevelopment.
6. Pollution prevention / good housekeeping for municipal operations.

As you can see, the first two elements would be ideally suited for the stormwater advisory committee and would go a long way toward meeting these two elements of the Phase II rules.

A proposed charter for this committee is attached. In regard to the composition of this, I propose two citizen members from each district and in addition, two at-large members with one member educated or experienced in stormwater or environmental engineering activities and one person experienced in public relations and citizen outreach educational programs.

All potential citizen members would submit applications to the Board bank and be selected by the Board. The citizen members would serve at the pleasure of the Board but not longer than two years before being re-appointed or replaced. Additionally, I recommend the Committee not perform administrative duties normally assigned to the staff, including entering into contracts or obligations, work assignments, or personnel administration. However, the committee should be given the authority to form and disband citizen-staffed subcommittees as needed to carry out their responsibilities.

Meeting times should fluctuate as the need fluctuates. However, I recommend initially that the meetings occur quarterly.

Recommendation

I recommend that you establish a Stormwater Advisory Committee through the adoption of proposed Resolution R02-7.

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Attachments:

1. Stormwater Advisory Committee Charter
2. R02-7

STORMWATER ADVISORY COMMITTEE

CHARTER

Monitor the drainage improvements plan as adopted by the Board of Supervisors and to develop goals, objectives, and implementation strategies to enhance the County's stormwater program, advise the Board of the County's drainage problems and develop and implement programs and procedures to meet the National Pollution Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Municipal Small Sanitary Sewer System (MS4) Phase II rules for implementation of the first two control measures:

- 1) Public Education/Outreach
- 2) Public Involvement/Participation.